

five years' residence required by law before proving up their claim, instead of having to pay the appraised price set by Congress for the same,

Was taken up and read the third time in full and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Gaillard, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Roberts and Williams—18.

Nays—None.

So Senate Memorial No. 160 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Bailey moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1897.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tempore, Mr. Myers, in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Darby, Dimick, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas and Wadsworth—26.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Broome offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 21:

Whereas, The calendar contains a multiplicity of bills on third reading, and only a few days remaining of this session; be it

Resolved, That beginning on this day, Thursday, May 27th, and hereafter until adjournment sine die, afternoon sessions shall be devoted exclusively to bills on third reading.

Mr. Broome moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Roberts:

Senate Memorial No. 286:

A memorial to Congress asking for the establishing of a daily mail route by land from River Junction, in Gadsden county, Florida, to Alligator, in Liberty county, Florida;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Peacock (by request):

Senate Bill No. 287:

A bill to entitled an act requiring all contractors and sub-contractors for the hire of State convicts to post and keep posted copies of the law relating to the management of State convicts, and the rules and regulations prescribed by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions as to the care, custody and maintenance of all State convicts around the camps or stockades;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Peacock (by request):

Senate Bill No. 288:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the appointment of an agent to examine, inspect and report monthly or oftener, as to the treatment, care, custody and maintenance of all State convicts;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Clark:

Senate Bill No. 289:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the boundary between the counties of Calhoun and Washington, in the State of Florida;

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Clark moved that the rules be waived, and that the bill be placed on the calendar of bills on second reading without reference;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 289 was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Messages from the House.

Mr. Blich of 21st moved that the messages from the House of Representatives be spread upon the Journal without reading, but that the bills therein be read the first time by title and referred;

Which was agreed to.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Joint Resolution No. 71:

Relative to an additional appropriation for the improvement of the Apalachicola river and the lower Chipola river.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Joint Resolution No. 71, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 71 be passed to calendar of bills on second reading without reference;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 71 was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 296:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for teachers' summer schools, and to make appropriations therefor.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 296, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 88:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of John W. Dyches, ex treasurer of Lake county.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 88, contained in the above message, was read.

Mr. Blitch of 21st moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 88 be passed to calendar of bills on second reading without reference;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 88 was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 26, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to in-

form the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 305:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1, article 2; sections 1 and 2, article 3; sections 2 and 3, article 8, and section 1, article 9, chapter 4297 of the Laws of Florida, approved May 30, 1893.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 305, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 26, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

Senate Bill No. 33:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 12 and 55 of the Laws of the State of Florida, chapter 4328, providing for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and providing for general and special elections, and for the returns of elections, approved May 25, A. D. 1895.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 33 contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to

inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

Senate Bill No. 35:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit the improper exhibition of dangerous weapons.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 35, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 358:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 3011 of the Revised Statutes of Florida.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 358, contained in the above message, as read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to

inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 344:

A bill to be entitled an act for the appointment of certain city officers of the city of Ocala, Florida, by the city council thereof, conferring on said city council the power to purchase and operate lighting plants or plants for said city and its inhabitants, and conferring on said city council the power to issue certain evidences of indebtedness of said city, and to refund the present outstanding indebtedness thereof, and defining, enlarging and prescribing the powers and duties of the mayor and city council of said city.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 344, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 319:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for commencing work on the Jacksonville and Tampa Bay Improved Railway Company.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 319, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 18:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal section 2, chapter 4186, of Laws of 1893, requiring marks of sheep and hogs to be recorded.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 18, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 172:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer to deposit the public moneys in such banks as shall furnish collaterals, providing for the sale of such collaterals and prohibiting the Treasurer from depositing any moneys in any bank without the consent of the Governor and Comptroller.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives

And House Bill No. 172, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 26, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

Senate Bill No. 20:

A bill to be entitled an act enlarging and extending the rights, powers and privileges of the Tropical Building and Investment Company.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 20, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 26, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted—

Senate Bill No. 83:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the giving of bonds in judicial proceedings.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 83, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of Senate:

SIR--Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 102:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 4217, Laws of Florida, the same being an act to organize and establish a county court in and for Alachua county, and to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney for said county court, approved May 24, A. D. 1893.

Beg leave to report that we have examined the same, and return it without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And House Bill No. 102, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR--Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 236:

A bill to entitled an act to prescribe the effect of limitations ever upon the dying "without heirs," or "without heirs of the body," or "without issue," or "without issue of the body," or "without children," or "without offspring," or "without descendant or other relative;"

Also,

Senate Bill No. 238:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the conveyance of the title to real property.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do not pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 236 and 238, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Myers, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 267:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the business of insurance, and for the better protection of the policy holders against fraudulent insurance contracts in the State of Florida, and to repeal sections 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224 and 2225, being sub-chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to special provision for insurance companies.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 281:

A bill to be entitled an act to define and punish certain misdemeanors in trade and commerce.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the same do not pass.

Very respectfully,

FRED. T. MYERS,

Chairman Judiciary Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 267 and 281, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Peacock, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—
House Bill No. 147:

A bill for the relief of James M. Driver and Wm. H. Big-
ham.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend
that it do not pass.

Very respectfully.

S. H. PEACOCK,

Chairman Committee on Claims.

And House Bill No. 147, contained in the above report,
was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Peacock, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, sub-
mitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—
House Bill No. 218:

A bill to be entitled an act to empower companies whose
capital shall not exceed \$10,000 to incorporate at small ex-
pense.

Have had the same under consideration, and recommend
that the same do pass.

Very respectfully,

S. H. PEACOCK,

Chairman Committee on Claims.

And House Bill No. 218, contained in the above report, was
placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Peacock, Chairman of the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Claims, to whom was referred—
Senate Bill No. 277:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of F. J. Pons.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered same, and would recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

S. H. PEACOCK,

Chairman Committee on Claims.

And Senate Bill No. 277, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Chipley, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 265:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the county of Duval to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school sites, and constructing, repairing and furnishing buildings for the use of the public schools in said county.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

And House Bill No. 265, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr Chipley, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 270:

A bill to be entitled an act for the division of DeSoto county, and the creation of a new county from a portion of the same.

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under careful consideration, and report the same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

And Senate Bill No. 270, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Chipley, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 26, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 275:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the division of Lafayette county, and the formation of the county of Cedar.

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

And Senate Bill No. 275, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 172:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend paragraphs 1 and 2 of section 1458, Revised Statutes, relating to supersedeas upon appeals in equity cases.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find it correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And Senate Bill No. 172, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Barber, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 220:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the city of Miami, in the county of Dade, and to declare the incorporation of said city to be valid and of full force and effect.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 278:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing merchants who are not registered pharmacists to sell certain drugs and medicines.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

CHAS. F. BARBER,

Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills

And Senate Bills Nos. 220 and 278, contained in the above report, were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Clark, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 247:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 891, 893 and 900 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, approved June 2, 1893, relating to inspection of fertilizers.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and herewith return it without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

W. B. CLARK,

Chairman Committee on Agriculture.

And House Bill No. 247, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Clark, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 283:

A bill to be entitled an act to assist fruit and vegetable growers of the State of Florida in obtaining protection against damage and loss from frosts and freezes.

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and herewith return it without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

W. B. CLARK,

Chairman Committee on Agriculture.

And Senate Bill No. 283, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to incorporate Sanibel Island Railway and Construction Company.

Beg leave to report that we have examined the same, and find it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the act contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to incorporate the Sanibel Island Railway and Construction Company.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the act contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for signature of Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to incorporate the Sanibel Island Railway and Construction Company.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President pro tempore announced that he was about to sign—

An act to incorporate the Sanibel Island Railway and Construction Company.

The act was therefore duly signed by the President pro tempore and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to incorporate the Veteran Association of Putnam county, Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the act contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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SENATE CHAMBER, }
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HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to incorporate the Veteran Association of Putnam county, Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

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President of the Senate:

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An act to incorporate the Veteran Association of Putnam county, Florida.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,

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Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 26, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate.

SIR—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to section 13, article 16, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to the making of official bonds.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

And the act contained in the above report was referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to section thirteen (13) of article (16) of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to sureties upon official bonds.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find it correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to section (13), article (16) of the Constitution of the State of Florida relating to official bonds.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is herewith presented for the signature of the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Enrolled.

The President pro tempore announced that he was about to sign—

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to section thirteen (13), article sixteen (16), of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to sureties upon official banks.

The act was therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

By permission—

Mr. Daniel, Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 284:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the holding of political primary elections in the State of Florida for the nomination of delegates to political conventions, or of candidates for any elective office under the laws of the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and return the same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

W. J. DANIEL,

Chairman Committee on Privileges and Elections.

And Senate Bill No. 284, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Carson, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 296:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for teachers' summer schools, and to make appropriations therefor.

Offer the following amendments to the same:

In lines 1 and 2 of section 1, strike out the word "four" and substitute therefor the word "three."

And as amended that the bill do pass.

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON.

Acting Chairman Committee on Education.

And House Bill No. 296, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Chipley, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 305:

A bill to be entitled act to amend section 1, article 2; sections 1 and 2, article 3; sections 2 and 3, article 8, and section 1, article 9, of chapter 4297 of the Laws of Florida, approved May 30, 1893, being an act to incorporate the city of Bartow and to abolish the present incorporation of said city.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

And House Bill No. 305, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. McLin, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 280:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the railroad commissioners to require the maintenance and operation of railroads and to permit the abandonment of railroads, under certain circumstances, terms and conditions.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and herewith return it without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman Committee on Railroads.

And Senate Bill No. 280, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to incorporate the Veteran Association of Putnam county, Florida.

Beg leave to report that the same has been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to section thirteen (13) of article sixteen (16) of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to sureties upon official bonds.

Beg leave to report that the same have been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

Mr. Hooker, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to incorporate the Sanibel Island Railway and Construction Company.

Beg leave to report that the same has been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

J. N. HOOKER,

Chairman Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Orders of the Day.

The motion to adopt the rules of procedure and practice in the impeachment trial,

Was taken up.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved to take up the rules by paragraphs;

Which was agreed to.

Paragraph 1 was read.

Paragraph 2 was read.

Paragraph 3 was read.

Paragraph 4 was read.

Paragraph 5 was read.

Paragraph 6 was read.

Paragraph 7 was read.

Paragraph 8 was read.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment:

In line 6, rule 8, insert between the word "answer" and the word "to" the words "or plea."

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Paragraph 9 was read.

Paragraph 10 was read.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment:

In line 1, rule 10, insert between the words "persons" and "impeached," the words "to be."

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Palmer of 14th withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment:

In line 2, rule 10, insert between the words "answer" and "the," the words "or plead to."

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Paragraph 11 was read.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to Rule 11 on Trials of Impeachment:

After the last word in rule 11, add "if the House be in session, and if the House be not in session, is ready to receive the board of managers that may have been appointed by the House."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to rule 11 of Procedure and Practice in Trial of Impeachment:

After the word "representatives" in line 4 of rule 11, add

he words "if the House be in session, and if not in session then to the board of managers that may have been named by the House."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment; Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment to rule 10:

Alter the last word in section 10, add, "and the respondent notified of the day set by the Senate for his trial."

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment; Which was not agreed to.

Paragraph 12 was read.

Paragraph 13 was read.

Paragraph 14 was read.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment:

Strike out rule 14 and substitute therefor the following:

"14. Counsel shall be admitted to appear and be heard for and in defense of the respondent, and the managers upon the part of the House of Representatives shall be represented by the Attorney-General of the State."

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barber, Broome, Darby, Palmer of 14th and Thomas—5.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blich of 20th, Blich of 21st, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Phipps, Roberts and Williams—22.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Crosby was excused from voting.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment:

Strike out rule 14, and substitute therefor the words: "The respondent shall be permitted to appear and be heard upon an impeachment by counsel.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment; Which was not agreed to.

Paragraph 15 was read.

Paragraph 16 was read.

Paragraph 17 was read.

Paragraph 18 was read.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment:

In line 1, rule 18, between the words "witness" and "or," insert the words "he shall rise in his place, address the presiding officer, and upon recognition, propound his question."

Also, strike out the word "or" before the words "to offer," and insert "and if he wishes."

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment; Which was agreed to.

Paragraph 19 was read.

Paragraph 20 was read.

Paragraph 21 was read.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment:

In line 5, rule 21, strike out all after the word "opened" in line 5, and insert "by the House of Representatives and closed by the respondent."

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment; Which was not agreed to.

Paragraph 22 was read.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment:

In line 7, rule 22, between the words "articles" and "by," insert "which sets up misdemeanor against the statutes of the State of Florida."

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment; Which was not agreed to.

Paragraph 23 was read.

Paragraph 24 was read.

Paragraph 25 was read.

Paragraph 26 was read.

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the rules as a whole; Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the rules be waived and that messages from the House of Representatives be taken up;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And the following message from the House of Representatives was read:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House has appointed Messrs. M. H. Sloan, W. Hunt Harris, J. P. Wall, S. E. Rice, W. A. Fulton, F. A. Hendry and W. K. Zewadski, managers on the part of the House, to conduct the impeachment against Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida, and has directed the said managers to carry to the Senate the articles agreed upon by the House, to be exhibited in maintenance of their impeachment against the said Clarence B. Collins, and that

said committee has been vested by the House of Representatives with authority to amend or supplement articles of impeachment, and to present the additional articles of impeachment to the Senate as the testimony to be presented may warrant.

And that the Clerk of the House of Representatives has been instructed to go with said managers.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The House of Representatives has given notice to the Senate that the House has appointed a board of managers, and directed the managers to carry to the Senate articles of impeachment agreed upon by the House to be exhibited in maintenance of the impeachment of Clarence B. Collins; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate will take proper order thereon, and of which due notice of the action of the Senate and of the time fixed for receiving said managers shall be given to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby gave notice that on to-morrow he would move to reconsider the vote by which the rules governing impeachment trials were adopted.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived, and that the motion to reconsider the vote by which the rules as a whole were adopted be now considered;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Chipley moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby moved that the Senate do now take a recess until 3:30 p. m.;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 3:30 o'clock his after noon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:30 o'clock.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tempore in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Bailey, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartnidge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—20.

A quorum present.

Mr. Blitch of 20th was excused on account of sickness.

By permission—

Mr. McLin, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 25, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 319:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for commencing work on the Jacksonville and Tampa Bay Improved Railway Company.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

B. E. McLIN,

Chairman Committee on Railroads.

And House Bill No. 319, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Hartnidge asked for the passage of the following order:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

Ordered: That the Secretary of the Senate inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is ready to receive the managers appointed by the House of Representatives to

carry to the Senate articles of impeachment against Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida;

Which was granted.

And was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

Special Order.

House Bill No. 10:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit any railroad or other transportation company, or any officer or official thereof from contributing any money or free transportation to persons or political parties for political purposes, and to provide penalties therefor;

Which had been set for 11 o'clock, but which was deferred on account of the consideration of rules of procedure and practice in an impeachment trial at the morning session,

Was taken up.

The pending question being the following amendment offered by Mr. Broome.

Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert the following:

"Section 1. No foreign or non-resident corporation, or corporation organized under the laws of the United States, doing business in this State, nor any domestic corporation, shall pay or contribute, or offer, consent or agree to pay or contribute, directly or indirectly, any money, property or thing of value to any political party, organization, committee or individual for any political purpose whatsoever, or for the purpose of influencing legislation of any kind, or to promote or defeat the candidacy of any person for nomination, appointment or election to any political office.

"Sec. 2. Any officer, employe, agent or attorney or other representative of any corporation, acting for and in behalf of such corporation who shall violate this act shall be punished upon conviction by a fine of not less than one thousand nor more than ten thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the State prison for a period of not less than two nor more than five years, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court or judge before whom such conviction is had, and the corporation, if a domestic corporation, is dissolved, if after a proper proceeding upon quo warranto, in either the Circuit or Supreme Court of the State to be prosecuted by the Attorney-General of the State, the court shall find and give judgment that section 1 of this act has been

violated as charged, and if a foreign or non-resident corporation, its right to do business in this State ceases.

"Sec. 3. The violation of this act by any officer, employe, agent, attorney or other representative of a corporation, shall be prima facie evidence that such officer, employe, agent, attorney or other representative of such corporation is acting for and in behalf of such corporation.

"Sec. 4. Any person or persons who shall aid, abet, or advise a violation of this act shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be punished as in section 1 of this act.

"Sec. 5. Violations of this act shall be prosecuted in the county where such payment or contribution is made.

"Sec. 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be, and the same are, hereby repealed.

"Sec. 7. This act shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Governor."

Pending which—

Messrs. Sloan, Harris, Zewadski, Rice, Hendry of Lee and Fulton, of the committee appointed by the House of Representatives to present articles of impeachment against Clarence B. Collins in accordance with the order of the Senate that it was ready to receive such articles of impeachment, appeared at the bar of the Senate, and presented the following articles of impeachment:

ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT

Exhibited by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida, in the name of themselves, and of all the people of the State of Florida, against Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida, in maintenance and support of their impeachment against him for high crimes and misdemeanors in office, for incompetency and malfeasance in office, and conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 1.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord, 1896, and to-wit: In the month of October, on the 18th day thereof, at Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, unmindful of and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, and without the advice, consent or authority of the Governor and Comptroller of the State of Florida, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided out of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida in the sum and amount of, to-wit: \$15,000, loan the same to the Merchants National Bank of Ocala, at Ocala, Florida, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, as Treasurer of the State of Florida as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 2.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord, 1896, and to-wit: In the month of October, on the 18th day thereof, at Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, unmindful of and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, and without the advice, consent or authority of the Governor and Comptroller of the State of Florida, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, out of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida, in the sum and amount of, to-wit: \$15,000, loan the same to the Merchants National Bank of Ocala, at Ocala, Florida, well knowing at the time, that the said Merchants National Bank of Ocala was

in an insolvent condition, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins as Treasurer of the State of Florida as aforesaid, did then and there commit and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 5.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord, 1896, and to-wit: In the month of October, on the 18th day thereof, at Tallahassee in the State of Florida, unmindful of, and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, and without the advice, consent or authority of the Governor and Comptroller of the State of Florida, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, out of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida, in the sum and amount of to-wit: \$15,000 deposit as a special time deposit, the same in the National Bank of the State of Florida, at Jacksonville, Florida, and without authority from, or knowledge of the Governor and Comptroller of the State of Florida, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, as Treasurer of the State of Florida as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 4.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord, 1896, and to-wit: In the month of December on the 11th day thereof, at Tallahassee in the State of Florida, unmindful of and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, and without the advice, consent or authority of the Governor and Comptroller of the State of Florida, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, out of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida, in the sum of, to-wit: \$15,000, loan the same to the Marion county, Florida, school board, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, as Treasurer of the State of Florida as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 5.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord 1896, to-wit:

In the month of December, on the 16th day thereof, at Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, unmindful of and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, and without the advice, consent or authority of the Governor and Comptroller of the State of Florida, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, did unlawfully, out of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida, in the sum and amount of, to-wit: The sum of \$3,000, loan the same to the Board of Public Instruction of Citrus county, Florida, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 6.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord 1896, to-wit: In the month of July, on the 13th day thereof, at Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, unmindful of and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, and without the advice, consent or authority of the Governor and Comptroller of the State of Florida, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, did unlawfully, of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida, in the sum and amount of, to-wit: The sum of \$15,000, pay over and deliver the same, unto one R. B. McConnell, the same being done without warrant of law, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 7.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord, 1896, to-wit: In the month of February, and to-wit: In the month of March of the said year, at Tallahassee in the State of Florida, unmindful of, and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, and without the advice, consent or authority of the Governor and Comptroller of the State of Florida, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, out of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida, in a large sum, to-wit: The sum and amount of \$10,000, invest the same in enterprises, not for the uses and purposes of the State of Florida, and not authorized by the Laws of the State of Florida, viz: the sum and amount of, to-wit: The sum of \$2,500 in the Jacksonville Telephone Company of

Jacksonville, Florida, and the sum and amount of, to-wit: The sum of \$7,500 in the Mining Syndicate, Limited, of Omaha, Nebraska, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, as Treasurer of the State of Florida as aforesaid, did then and there commit and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 8.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the years of our Lord 1896 and 1897, at Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, unmindful of, and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, and without the advice, consent or authority of the Governor and Comptroller of the State of Florida, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, did unlawfully, out of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida, deposit in various banks in and out of the State of Florida, aggregating the large sum and amount of, to-wit: The sum of \$254,124.32 with totally inadequate security therefor, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, as Treasurer of the State of Florida as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 9.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord, 1897, to-wit: In the month of April, on the 30th day thereof, at Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, unmindful of, and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, of the general funds and public revenues of the State of Florida, exhibit a trial balance sheet, at the close of business for the date aforesaid, purporting to show cash on hand and deposits in various banks in and out of the State of Florida, to be in the sum and amount of \$343,127.39, that in truth and in fact there was not on deposit in the various banks as aforesaid and cash on hand amounting to the said sum of \$343,127.39, but the sum and amount of only, to-wit: The sum \$341,387.39 was on hand, making a deficit and shortage of to-wit: the sum of \$2,040, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 10

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord, 1897, to-wit: In the month of May, on the 8th day thereof, at Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, unmindful of and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, out of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida, was unlawfully short in his accounts as Treasurer of the State of Florida, in a large sum of money, to-wit: In the sum of \$50,981.37, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 11.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord, to-wit: 1897, at Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, unmindful of and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, did unlawfully make, and cause to be made fictitious and irregular entries on the books belonging in the office of the Treasurer of the State of Florida, pertaining to the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 12.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord 1897, to-wit: In the month of January, on the 12th day thereof, at Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, unmindful of and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided, did unlawfully, wilfully and with an intent to deceive, make report to His Excellency, William D. Bloxhan, Governor of the State of Florida, showing there was no money of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida on deposit in the Merchants National Bank of Ocala, at Ocala, Florida, when in truth and in fact, at the time of the making and submitting of the said re-

port to the Governor of the State of Florida, as aforesaid, the said Clarence B. Collins, as Treasurer of the State of Florida, as aforesaid, had deposited of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida, in the said Merchants National Bank of Ocala, as aforesaid, the sum of, to-wit: The sum of \$32,927.01, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida, as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

And the House of Representatives of the State of Florida, by protestation, saving to itself the liberty of exhibiting at any time hereafter any farther article or other accusation on impeachment against the said Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida, as aforesaid, and also of replying to his answers which he shall make unto the articles herein preferred against him, and of offering proof to the same, and every part thereof, and to all and every other article, accusation or impeachment which shall be exhibited by them as the case shall require, to demand that the said Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida, aforesaid, may be put to answer the high crimes and misdemeanors, incompetency and malfeasance in office, her-in charged against him, and that such proceedings, examinations, trials and judgments may be thereupon had and given, as may be agreeable to law and justice.

(Copy.)

I, William Forsyth Bynum, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Florida, do hereby certify that the within articles of impeachment against Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida, passed the House of Representatives by a two-thirds vote on the 21st day of May, A. D. 1897.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 24, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The special committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to conduct the impeachment pro-

ceedings against Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida, before the Senate, by virtue of authority vested in them to amend or supplement articles of impeachment, and to present additional articles of impeachment, as the testimony to be presented may warrant, beg leave to report for the action of the Senate the accompanying Supplementary Articles of Impeachment.

M. H. SLOAN,
Chairman.

W. HUNT HARRIS,
F. A. HENDRY,
J. P. WALL,
W. K. ZEWARDKI,
W. A. FULTON,
S. E. RICE.

SUPPLEMENTARY ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT

Exhibited by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida, in the name of themselves and of all the people of the State of Florida, against Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida, in maintenance and support of their impeachment against him for high crimes and misdemeanors in office, for incompetency and malfeasance in office, and conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE I.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord, 1896, to-wit: In the month of June, on the 30th day thereof, at Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, unmindful of and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, and without authority of law, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, did unlawfully, out of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida, in the sum and amount of, to-wit: The sum of \$15,710.96 of the tax redemption fund belonging to the State of Florida, for the quarter ending June 30, 1896, convert the same to his own use, and did not pay the same into the treasury of the State of Florida, or any part thereof, until the 6th day of April, 1897, that on the said 6th day of April, 1897, that the said Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida, as aforesaid, paid into the treasury of the State of Florida, of the said tax redemption fund so belonging to the State of Florida, as aforesaid, for the quarter ending June 30, 1896, the sum and amount of, to-wit: The sum of \$11,321.58, leaving a deficit and shortage of, in the sum and amount of, to-wit: The sum

of \$4,389.38, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, as Treasurer of the State of Florida, as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 2.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord, 1896, to-wit: In the month of September, on the 30th day thereof, at Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, unmindful of and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, and without authority of law, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, did unlawfully, out of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida, in the sum and amount of, to-wit: The sum of \$10,863.85 of the tax redemption fund belonging to the State of Florida, for the quarter ending September 30, 1896, convert the same to his own use, and did not pay the same into the treasury of the State of Florida, or any part thereof, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, as Treasurer of the State of Florida as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 3.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord 1896, to-wit: In the month of December on the 31st day thereof, at Tallahassee in the State of Florida, unmindful of and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, and without authority of law, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, did unlawfully, out of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida in the sum and amount of, to-wit: The sum of \$6,817.16 of the tax redemption fund belonging to the State of Florida, for the quarter ending December 31, 1896, convert the same to his own use, and did not pay the same into the treasury of the State of Florida or any part thereof, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins as Treasurer of the State of Florida, as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 4.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, did on divers dates, in the year of our Lord 1896, at Tallahassee in the State of Florida, unmindful of and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, and without authority of law, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, did unlawfully, of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida, did loan on general deposit, to the Merchants National Bank of Ocala, at Ocala, Florida, the sum and amount of, to-wit: The sum of \$32,927.01, and ever since said date has kept the same so loaned to said bank, and now still continues to keep the same so loaned to said bank, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, as Treasurer of the State of Florida, as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 5.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, on divers dates in the year of our Lord 1897, at Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, unmindful of and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, without authority of law and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, did unlawfully, of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida, did loan on general deposit, to the Capital City Bank of Tallahassee, at Tallahassee, Florida, the sum and amount of, to-wit: The sum of \$39,962.11, and ever since said date has kept the same so loaned to said bank, and now still continues to keep the same so loaned to said bank, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, as Treasurer of the State of Florida, as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 6.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord 1897, at Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, unmindful of and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, without authority of law, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, did unlawfully, of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida, did loan on general

Deposit, to the National Bank of the State of Florida, at Jacksonville, Florida, the sum and amount of, to-wit: The sum of \$15,800.84 and ever since said date has kept the same so loaned to said bank, and now still continues to keep the same so loaned to said bank, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, as Treasurer of the State of Florida, as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 7.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord 1897, at Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, unmindful of and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, without authority of law, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, did unlawfully, of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida, did loan on general deposit to the First National Bank of Pensacola, at Pensacola, Florida, the sum and amount of, to-wit: The sum of \$6,106.07, and ever since said date has kept the same so loaned to said bank, and now still continues to keep the same so loaned to said bank, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, as Treasurer of the State of Florida, as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 8.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord 1897, at Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, unmindful of and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, without authority of law, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, did unlawfully, of the general fund and public revenues of the State of Florida, did loan on general deposit, to the First National Bank of Tallahassee, at Tallahassee, Florida, the sum and amount of, to-wit: The sum of \$11,094.17, and ever since said date has kept the same so loaned to said bank, and now still continues to keep the same so loaned to said bank, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, as Treasurer of the State of Florida, as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

ARTICLE 9.

That the said Clarence B. Collins, then and now Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the year of our Lord 1897, to-wit: In the month of April, on the 30th day thereof, at Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, unmindful of and in violation of the high duties of his office, of his oath of office, and contrary to the statutes in such case made and provided, did unlawfully, wilfully and falsely, and with an intent to deceive, make report to His Excellency, William D. Bloxham, Governor of the State of Florida, setting forth that the tax redemption fund of the State of Florida for the month of April, 1897, amounted to the sum of \$6,557.30, that \$3,000 of the said sum of money of the said tax redemption fund of the State of Florida had been paid in a Citrus county, Florida, school warrant, to the amount of \$3,000, which said report was false and untrue, in that \$3,000 of said amount was not paid to or received by the said Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida, in the shape or form of a Citrus county, Florida, school warrant, but on the contrary, was paid to and received by him in United States currency or other current funds, whereby the said Clarence B. Collins, as Treasurer of the State of Florida, as aforesaid, did then and there commit, and was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanor in office, of incompetency and malfeasance in office, and of conduct detrimental to the public good.

And the special committee on the part of the House of Representatives of the State of Florida, by protestation, saving to itself the liberty of exhibiting at any time hereafter any further article or other accusation on impeachment against the said Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida, as aforesaid, and also of replying to his answers which he shall make unto the articles herein preferred against him, and of offering proof to the same and every part thereof, and to all and every other article, accusation or impeachment which shall be exhibited by them as the case shall require, do demand that the said Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida aforesaid, may be put to answer the high crimes and misdemeanors, incompetency and malfeasance in office herein charged against him, and that such proceedings, examinations, trials and judgments may be thereupon had and given as may be agreeable to law and justice.

The President pro tempore: "The Senate will take proper order on the subject of impeachment of which due notice will be given the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hartridge asked for the passage of the following order: Resolved, That at 11 o'clock to-morrow forenoon, the Senate

will proceed to consider the impeachment of Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida, at which time the oath, or affirmation, required by the rules of the Senate sitting upon the trial of an impeachment, shall be administered by the Chief Justice of the State of Florida, as the presiding officer of the Senate sitting as aforesaid, to each member of the Senate, and that the Senate sitting as aforesaid receive the managers appointed by the House of Representatives.

Ordered: That the Secretary lay this resolution before the House of Representatives.

Ordered: That 300 copies of the articles of impeachment exhibited against Clarence B. Collins, Treasurer of the State of Florida, be printed.

Ordered: That 300 copies of the rules of procedure and practice in the Senate when sitting in the trial of impeachment, be printed in pamphlet form, and a copy of the rules of procedure and practice in the Senate when sitting on the trial of impeachment, be communicated by the Secretary to the House of Representatives, and a copy thereof delivered to each member of the House.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 27, 1897.

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the order;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge asked for the passage of the following order.

Ordered: That the notice to the Chief Justice of the State of Florida, to meet the Senate in the trial of the case of impeachment, and requesting his attendance as presiding officer, be delivered to him by a committee of three Senators to be appointed by the chair, who shall wait upon the Chief Justice to the Senate Chamber and conduct him to the chair.

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the order;
Which was agreed to.

The President pro tempore, Mr. Myers, appointed Messrs. Hartridge, Williams and Hooker as the committee under the above order.

A message was received from the Governor.

The following message from the Governor was read:

STATE OF FLORIDA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,)
TALLAHASSEE, May 13, 1897.)

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,
President of the Senate:

SIR—I have the honor to inform the Senate that I have to-day signed the following which originated in that body:

An act to legalize the incorporation of the town of White Springs, in the county of Hamilton, and to declare the incorporation of the town of White Springs valid and of full force and effect.

Also,

An act to fix the boundaries of the town of Live Oak, in Suwannee county, Florida, and to authorize said town to make its own valuation of property therein for assessment for municipal purposes.

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Carrabelle, Franklin county, Florida.

Also,

An act to incorporate the Sanibel Island Railway and Construction Company.

Also,

An act to incorporate the Veteran Association of Putnam county, Florida.

Also,

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to section 13, of article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relating to securities upon official bonds.

And have filed same with the Secretary of State.

Very respectfully,

W. D. BLOXAAM,

Governor of Florida.

The Senate resumed consideration of—

House Bill No. 10:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit any railroad or other transportation company, or any officer or official thereof from contributing any money or free transportation to persons or political parties for political purposes, and to provide penalties therefor.

And Mr. Broome's amendment thereto.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to the amendment to House Bill No. 10:

In line 2, section 3, after the word "corporation," add the words "in their representative character."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

Mr. Hartridge withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment to the amendment to House Bill No. 10:

In line 1, section 4, after the word "who," add the words "in their representative or official character."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment to the amendment;

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Broome—

It was agreed to.

Mr. Broome offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 10:

Strike out the title of the bill, and insert the following in lieu thereof: "A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the use of money for political purposes by corporations."

Mr. Broome moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Broome moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 10, as amended, be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Broome moved that House Bill No. 10, as amended, be made a special order for 10:30 o'clock to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

And the amendments to House Bill No. 10 were ordered engrossed, and certified back to the Senate by 10:30 o'clock to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

House Bill No. 99:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection and preservation of food fishes in the St. Johns river, and all other streams, rivers, creeks and bayous in the State of Florida.

Was taken up.

The following amendment by Mr. Hartridge pending

In line 5, section 2, after the word "fishes," add the words "between May 15th and July 15th of any year."

The amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Dougherty offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 99:

Strike out section 2, and insert:

"Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to haul or drag any seine or net of any kind in the waters of any of the fresh water rivers, creeks, bayous or streams in the State of Florida, or at not a greater distance than two miles up and away from the mouth of any fresh water river, creek or bayou, for the purpose of catching food fishes; but

the use of minnow nets is hereby allowed for the purpose of catching bait."

Mr. Dougherty moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 99, as amended, was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

House Joint Resolution No. 79:

Relating to the appointment of the Hon. Wilkinson Call as State agent for the collection of the claim of the State of Florida against the United States, known as the Indian war claim,

Was taken up—

The pending question being the motion of Mr. Palmer of 11th to indefinitely postpone House Joint Resolution No. 79.

Mr. Dougherty moved that further consideration of House Joint Resolution No. 79 be postponed until 9 o'clock this evening;

Which was agreed to.

Bills on Third Reading.

Mr. Darby moved that he be allowed to substitute Senate Bill No. 148 for Senate Bill No. 180 on the calendar;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 136:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 720 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, in reference to contracting of territorial limits of cities and towns,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Roberts, and Williams—21.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 136 passed, title as stated.

Senate Bill No. 78:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend section 255 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, and to define and declare what number of hours shall comprise a school day, approved June 6, 1893,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Barber, Blitch of 21st, Bynum, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Dimick, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Roberts, Wadsworth and Williams—17.

Nays—Messrs. Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge and Thomas—8.

So Senate Bill No. 78 passed, title as stated.

House Joint Resolution No. 16:

Providing for printing 5,000 copies of amended constitution,

As amended in the Senate was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Barber, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Fynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Roberts, Thomas, and Wadsworth—24.

Nays—None.

So House Joint Resolution No. 16 passed, title as stated.

House Bill No. 8:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1730, Revised Statutes of Florida,

Was taken up and read the third time in full, and put upon its passage.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Carson, Crosby, Hooker, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Roberts, Thomas and Wadsworth—13.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Chipley, Daniel, Dimick, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hendley, Myers, Peacock and Phipps—10.

So House Bill No. 8 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Chipley rose to a question of personal privilege, and sent the following to the Secretary's desk, and requested that the same be read:

MR. PRESIDENT:

I rise to a question of personal privilege. The Journal of the House of Representatives, spread upon the desks of the Senators this morning, contains a confession of guilt by the party arraigned by me on Tuesday.

This confession of guilt by this party, his retention of the stolen letter, and his tirade intensifies his offense, and should put him beyond the recognition of all honorable men.

The mention, in this letter, of the names of honorable members of this Legislature renders it proper that I should say, in this exercise of my personal privilege, that I have never asked Senator McLin to vote for me for the position of United States Senator; that I hold him in the highest esteem; that I have never authorized any person, and would not dare to authorize anyone to make any improper proposition to him. Nor do I believe that any man who knows him would make any such proposition. I met Mr. Owens at the Orlando Good Roads Convention, and he voluntarily informed me that his people were for Judge Hocker, and that he would support him as long as he had a chance for election. I did not question the propriety of his action, and certainly did not advance even a suggestion that he should do otherwise.

Until I read the stolen letter, I did not know that Senator Dimick and Representative Baker were mentioned in it. I never in any manner attempted to influence either of these honorable gentlemen in the senatorial contest, nor is any reflection upon any of these gentlemen justly deducible from the letter.

Mr. Chipley moved that the same be spread upon the Journal of the Senate.

Mr. Broome moved to admit so much of the explanation as followed the second paragraph;

Which was not agreed to.

The motion of Mr. Chipley to spread upon the Journal was agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the Senate do now take a recess until 8:00 this evening;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 8:00 o'clock this evening.

NIGHT SESSION.

8:00 O'CLOCK.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tempore, Mr. Myers, in the chair.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Carson, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hart-

ridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Roberts, Thomas and Wadsworth—20.

A quorum present.

Mr. Blitch of 20th was excused for the evening on account of sickness.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived, and he be allowed to call up—

House Bill No. 319:

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the time for commencing work on the Jacksonville and Tampa Bay Improved Railway Company;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 319 was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Adams moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 319 be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 319 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Barber, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Clark, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Roberts, Thomas, Wadsworth and Williams—24.

Nays—None.

So House Bill No. 319 passed, title as stated, and was ordered certified to the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 12:

A bill to be entitled an act to give unto the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad Company the power of eminent domain and the right to condemn property between Plant City, in Hillsborough county, Florida, and the city of Tampa, and the waters of Hillsborough river and Hillsborough bay, in said county and State.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved that the rules be waived, and that House Bill No. 12 be read second time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 12 was read second time by its title, and placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Carson moved that he be allowed to substitute Senate Bill No. 284 for Senate Bill No. 137 on the calendar, and that he be allowed to withdraw Senate Bill No. 137;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 137 was withdrawn.

Mr. Dougherty requested permission to withdraw—
Senate Bill No. 250:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the present municipi-

pal government of Daytona, Volusia county, Florida, and to organize a city government for the same, and to provide for its jurisdiction and powers;

Which was granted.

And Senate Bill No. 250 was withdrawn.

Senate Bill No. 231:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act confirming the rights, powers and franchises of the Tropical Development and Navigation Company of Florida, and granting aid thereto, approved May 25, 1895,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Hooker moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 231 be placed on the calendar of bills on third reading without engrossment;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 231 was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 198:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the time and places for holding the Circuit Courts in the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

By consent—

The motion of Mr. Palmer of 14th to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 181 passed,

Was taken up.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that Senate Bill No. 181 be placed back on second reading for amendment;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 181 was placed back on second reading.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 181:

Strike out in section 1 all after the word "the" in line 3 on page 3, and substitute therefor the following: "First Tuesday in April; in the county of Madison on the second Monday in April; in the county of Hamilton on the fourth Monday in April; in the county of Suwannee on the second Monday in May; in the county of Columbia on the fourth Monday in May, and in the counties of Lafayette on the second Tuesday in June in each year."

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 14th offered the following amendment to Senate Bill No. 181:

In line 8, section 2, strike out all after the word "second," and substitute the following: "Monday in October; in the county of Hamilton on the fourth Monday in October; in the county of Suwannee on the second Monday in November; in the county of Columbia on the fourth Monday in November, and in the county of Lafayette on the second Tuesday in December in each year."

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the adoption of the amendment; Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 181, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

House Bill No. 301:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Alafia, Manatee and Gulf Coast Railroad Company,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No. 321:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 10 of an act entitled an act to keep in repair all public roads and bridges and to open new roads in the county of Orange, State of Florida, approved June 5, 1891, so as to authorize said county to levy a special tax for road improvement,

Was taken up and read the second time in full, and placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

By permission—

Mr. Thomas, Chairmain of the Joint Committee to examine the State Normal Schools for Colored Students at Tallahassee, submitted the following report:

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 26, 1897.

MON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The Joint Committee appointed to examine the State Normal School for Colored Students at Tallahassee, have the honor to submit the following report:

An examination of this school by the committee shows it to be in excellent condition, the faculty being composed of teachers who are exceptionally qualified for this kind of work, and they all seem to be earnestly striving to elevate the standard of intelligence and morals of their race.

The President of the school, T. DeSj Tucker, is especially to be commended for his excellent administration of the affairs of the school, and the committee take pleasure in saying that

in their opinion the satisfactory condition of this institution is owing very largely to his management.

There is a total enrollment of 182 students, about one-half of whom are from Leon county, and the others from twenty-five counties of the State.

The curriculum is made up of a model school: Academic department, preparatory department and normal department; there are also other minor departments, such as agricultural, mechanical and scientific.

The courses of study in each is full.

The mechanical department is well equipped with machinery, and the scientific department with all necessary apparatus for chemical and physical experiments.

The female dormitory accomodates at present about fifty (50), and while the building is an excellent one, and is kept in first class condition, yet it is inadequate in size to meet the requirements of the school, and should be enlarged by the addition of a wing on the west end to correspond with the recent extension on the east end; with this improvement the building would afford all the space necessary to properly take care of all the female students.

The dormitory for male students is not finished on the inside, and is not large enough to accomdate those who desire to enter the school, but could be enlarged and finished by an outlay probably fifteen hundred (1,500) or two thousand (2,000) dollars.

The school is conducting very successful farming operations, and needs a larger barn for the storage of farm products and the protection of stock.

Your committee desire to state that in their opinion the institution is worthy of all reasonable assistance that can be extended to it by the State, to uphold and carry on the work of intellectual and moral advancement of the colored race now being accomplished there.

The expenses of this school are provided for by a fund, and no assistance is asked except in the way of buildings, and conveniences to meet the growing attendance.

The State will retain the ownership of all improvements made, and will thereby enhance the value of its own property.

Your committee unanimously recommend that such an appropriation be made as will be needed to make the improvements suggested.

Very respectfully,

W. R. THOMAS,
S. M. ROBERTSON,
W. A. FULTON.

By permission—

Mr. Williams, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 27, 1897. }

HON. CHAS. J. PERRENOT,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No 147:

A bill to entitled an act to amend section 66 of chapter 4322 Laws of Florida, relating to assessment and collection of revenue.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and respectfully recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

ARTHUR T. WILLIAMS,

Acting Chairman Committee on Finance and Taxation.

And Senate Bill No. 147, contained in the above report, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Daniel moved that the rules be waived, and that the Senate take up—

House Bill No. 180:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1 of an act establishing a fine and forfeiture fund in the several counties, regulating the payment of criminal costs, authorizing a special tax for said costs and providing for the feed of prisoners and hire of convicts, approved April 20, 1895, as amended by chapter 4325, Laws of Florida;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 180 was read the second time in full.

And House Bill No. 180 was placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

House Bill No 189:

A bill to be entitled an act granting to the Meadow Land Improvement Company, a corporation organized and existing under the general laws of the State of Florida, a grant of land and other privileges to aid in the construction of the said company's canal and other works of internal improvement,

Was taken up and read the second time in full.

Mr. Hendley offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 189:

In lines 8 and 9, section 1, page 3, after the word "branches" in line 8, strike out words "it has heretofore constructed or."

Mr. Hendley moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Chipley offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 189:

At the end of section 2, add: "Provided, That the grant of lands made by this act is made subject to the rights of all creditors to which the Internal Improvement Fund is applicable, and to the rights of all prior grantees; And provided further, That no lands shall be deeded under this act outside of the area drained by the canals provided for in this act."

Mr. Chipley moved the adoption of the amendment.

Pending which—

Mr. Carson moved that the further consideration of House Bill No. 189 be deferred until 8 o'clock Friday evening;

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 189 was made a special order for 8 o'clock Friday evening.

The hour of 9 p. m. having arrived, the Senate took up—

House Joint Resolution No. 79:

A joint resolution relating to the appointment of the Hon. Wilkinson Call as State agent for the collection of the claim of the State of Florida against the United States, known as the Indian war claim;

Which had been set for that time.

The pending question being at adjournment, the motion of Mr. Palmer of 11th to indefinitely postpone the resolution.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Bynum, Carson, Chipley, Crosby, Daniel, Dimick, Dougherty, Gaillard, Hartridge, Hooker, Myers, McLin, Peacock and Williams—16.

Nays—Messrs. Barber, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Clark, Hendley, Palmer of 14th, Roberts and Thomas—8.

So the motion to indefinitely postpone, prevailed.

Mr. Chipley moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.